

Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1. (Currently amended) A method of intentionally labeling a pharmaceutical product having one or more active ingredients and one or more inactive ingredients, comprising intentionally varying an amount of at least one of the one or more inactive ingredients to generate over time and generating a product signature of the pharmaceutical product having the varied amount of the at least one of the one or more inactive ingredients, thereby intentionally labeling the pharmaceutical product.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the product signature comprises a near-infrared (NIR) spectra, and wherein the product signature comprises a label.
3. (Currently amended) A ~~batch identification method for~~ identifying ~~determining~~ the source of a production batch of a pharmaceutical product from among a plurality of production batches of the pharmaceutical product, ~~wherein~~ where the pharmaceutical product has one or more active ingredients and one or more inactive ingredients, comprising intentionally varying ~~changing~~ an amount of at least one of the one or more inactive ingredients among different batches of the pharmaceutical product produced, wherein variation in the amount of at least one of the one or more inactive ingredients in a batch results in an NIR spectrum for the production batch that detectably differs from an NIR spectrum for a different production batch among the plurality of production batches, thereby identifying the source of the production batch of the pharmaceutical product from among a plurality of production batches of the pharmaceutical product the variation being at least sufficient to distinguish the difference in the NIR spectra of product produced in each batch.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the inactive ingredient whose amount is varied is selected from the group consisting of a filler, a disintegrant, a binder, a

lubricant, a glidant, a film coat and combinations thereof.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the inactive ingredient is the filler.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the amount changed is in the range of about minus 5 percent to about plus 5 percent based on a total weight of the product.

7. (Original) The method of claim 4 in which the inactive ingredient is the binder.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the amount changed is in the range ~~range~~ of about minus 0.5 percent to about plus 0.5 percent based on a total weight of the product.

9. (Original) The method of claim 4 in which the inactive ingredient is the disintegrant.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the amount changed is in the range of about minus 3 percent to about plus 3 percent based on a total weight of the product.

11-33. (Canceled)